



SEPTEMBER 24—10:30 AM—WELCOMING COOPERATION—DOMINIQUE HALL, ANN BEEZLEY

Since the February commissioning of our Sacred Listeners, TUUC and BRIDGE MD have gathered the concerns of the congregation and discussed them with representatives from other congregations across the state at an Issues Convention. We further our partnership with BRIDGE and introduce the issues from the convention that were voted most impactful.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION

For those who plan to join us on Zoom this Sunday, please see below for the Zoom information.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95829139353?pwd=WkFpTG5GbHRwUVVwNmREQWl6SGl2dz09>

Meeting ID: 958 2913 9353

Passcode: 271244

TUUC YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GAME NIGHT EVENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 7:00 PM

Come one, Come all to the YRE Game Night event. Join us at TUUC on Saturday, October 7 at 7 PM for a night of games for all ages. This will be a potluck dessert event, so bring something yummy to share (please label allergens). We will be providing the games, you bring your playful spirit!



ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

When making your contributions online, please be sure to designate your donation to the correct fund by using the dropdown arrow. Click on the fund you wish to contribute to and write the entity (ex: ODB) in the note area for clarification.

TUUC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

NEWS ABOUT US

Susan Woolhiser is grateful for the cards she has received following her heart surgery. Now she would appreciate meals. This is the Meal Train for Susan Woolhiser: <https://mealtrain.com/31dk20>

To facilitate her healing, please think vegetables, fresh fruits and whole grains. (No prepared foods, please. For example, no rotisserie chicken!) Susan needs a low-sodium (salt), low-fat diet! That means a max of 2000 mg salt per day! Susan loves peaches, strawberries, blue berries, and blackberries. Think Heart Healthy! Thank you!

Sue Royer is home and recovering well from her hip replacement and is grateful for meals from TUUC members.

Healing wishes to Judi Clague on her recent surgery and great gratitude for her gift of "Lonely People" in worship last Sunday!

Healing wishes to Mary Beth Brizzolara as she recovers from shoulder surgery.

--- Rev Clare

MABON RITUAL AND POTLUCK—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 FROM 6 TO 9 PM

Named after the Celtic Sun deity, Mabon celebrates the autumnal equinox. Like the vernal equinox in March, the day equals the night, but on this sabbat, we celebrate the bounty of Earth and give thanks for the harvest, both material and spiritual. Join the Roots and Wings Chapter of CUUPS for a potluck and ritual on this first night of autumn. We will also be planning for future rituals in the coming year, including Samhain and welcome all who are interested in participating and/or leading rituals.

FARMING FOR THE FUTURE—SYSTEMIC CHANGES FOR THE CLIMATE CRISIS—SEPT 26-28

Join UUs for Just Economic Community, UUs for Social Justice, Side with Love and UU Ministry for Earth in Washington, D.C. September 26-28, 2023 to learn about our food and farming system and to advocate for an equitable and climate-smart 2023 Farm Bill. If you eat food, you care about the Farm Bill—even if you don't know it! The farm bill connects the food on our plates, the farmers and ranchers who produce that food, and the natural resources—our soil, air, and water – that make growing food possible. Congress puts forward only every five years a must-pass farm bill that determines the kind of food and farm system we have. Congress is writing the 2023 Farm Bill NOW. So NOW is the time for our UU voices to be heard. Farm bills address many issues UUs care about including food quality and food chain security, soil and water contamination, food deserts, equity for small-scale producers, conservation, research, crop insurance, and nutrition programs like SNAP (formerly food stamps).

The first two days (Tuesday and Wednesday) will feature speakers and the last day (Thursday) will be direct advocacy with U.S. senators. There will be a concert with Jim Scott on Tuesday evening and a worship service on Wednesday evening, both at All Souls Unitarian in DC. Register Here: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6111610>

THANK YOU KIM PEABODY!

On Sunday, Kim Peabody gave Rev. Clare a check for the TUUC Building Fund to cover the cost of replacing the fogged glass of a window in the Meeting Room that looks out on the grove. Kim said, "Al and I used to sit by this window every Sunday. I'm so grateful that the fogged glass has been replaced." Today, the A-Team agreed to dedicate this new, clear window to the memory of Al Peabody. As you look out on the sycamores, through clear glass, please thank Kim Peabody for her generous donation to the TUUC Building Fund and take a moment to remember Al Peabody! --- Rev Clare

NONES AT TUUC

As we gather as a vibrant community at TUUC each week, it's clear there are many ways our spiritual space allows us to explore our shared values, fellowship, and belonging. On Sunday Rev. Clare drew our attention to a group referred to as the 'nones' – individuals seeking spiritual meaning beyond traditional religious boundaries. I can't help but think that extending a heartfelt welcome to these seekers aligns perfectly with our Unitarian Universalist principles. Wouldn't those in search of purpose and meaning find it here among our diverse and compassionate congregation? Wouldn't those yearning for an accepting community discover it within our TUUC family? Wouldn't those who are passionate about social justice find a home here?

I invite every member and friend of TUUC to take a moment and look around you. "Are there 'nones' in your orbit who may be searching for a welcoming community like ours? Who is awaiting your invitation to TUUC? As caretakers of this community, we all share the responsibility of nurturing its growth and fostering connections. Let's embrace the role of being wonderful ambassadors for TUUC and invite those who may be seeking just what our community offers.

Make that personal invitation. While it's essential to let people know we're here, it's the personal connection that truly makes a difference. Think back to your own experiences of entering new communities – didn't a kind individual extending a hand, expressing an interest in who you are, and introducing you to others make you feel more welcome and at ease? As we carry the inspiration from Rev. Clare's meaningful service, let's keep an eye out for those who, like the 'nones,' are in search of community. Let's bring intention to the role we all share as ambassadors and extend heartfelt invitations to who might be searching for us.

---Tracey Myers-Preston, Membership Chair

PASTORAL CARE CONVERSATIONS

Intern Minister SarahRuth Davis will be available for informal pastoral care conversations following worship in the foyer on October 1st. She will be available in a Zoom break out room following worship, for informal pastoral care conversations on September 24th and October 8th. Look for her, to join in!

SarahRuth is available to schedule individual pastoral care conversations though contacting her by email at sarahruth@towsonuuc.org.

COMMUNITY CHOIR

The first Community Choir Sunday of the new worship year will be on Sunday, October 15th. This is an opportunity to rehearse only on the morning of the service, and to sing that day. All ages are welcome! You'll need to arrive at 9:00 AM to rehearse together. You'll have a substantial break time during sound checks before the service. This time we'll combine forces with the TUUC Choir (they will have prepared one piece already, which you can join in on), and we'll have a guest cellist joining us that day. Hope to see you the morning of October 15th! Please RSVP to Tracy at music@towsonuuc.org if you plan to come. But if you forget...you can still just show up!

UNITING IN WELCOME: EMBRACE THE ESSENCE OF COMMUNITY BY WELCOMING VISITORS

We're thrilled to invite every member to join us in embodying the beautiful words of Gwendolyn Brooks: "We are each other's harvest: we are each other's business: we are each other's magnitude and bond." This sentiment, which inspired our stewardship campaign, now extends to a heartwarming opportunity – greeting visitors to our beloved church. **Whether you choose to offer a warm hello once a year or once a month, your presence and smile can create a lasting impact.**

It's easy to think that someone else will step into this role. But here's the heartfelt truth – the responsibility is shared by all of us. The magic lies in our unity, and your welcoming spirit can make newcomers feel right at home. **With just 15 minutes of your time, you can be a part of something truly meaningful.**

Imagine the resonance of each of us coming together. Envision the ripples of connection weaving through our community as we welcome newcomers with open arms. By embracing this role, you're contributing to the spirit of "We are each other's harvest."

Ready to embrace the heartwarming role of a greeter? It's as easy as sending a quick email to membership@towsonuuc.org with the subject line "I'm in" and a date of your choice or simply [clicking here](#) and picking the date or dates that work best for you.

Let's honor the essence of community and show that each warm greeting matters.

GALLERY UNICORN SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

GU is a small volunteer-run gallery, exhibiting artworks from artists across the Baltimore community, like those in the current exhibition. Proceeds from the sale of artworks benefit both TUUC and the artist. Art on our meeting room walls benefits our congregation and guests. We need help with hanging the exhibitions (6 per year) and assisting with exhibit opening receptions. The gallery also has a Facebook page and help with social media would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please send an email to galleryunicorn@towsonuuc.org. Thanks. ---Lisa Lubomski for Gallery Unicorn

GALLERY UNICORN—SHOW US WHAT YOU'VE GOT!

TUUC is the spiritual home to a lot of creative people. We invite you to share your art or artisan work with our congregation in the annual Members and Friends of TUUC Exhibit. While there are many trained artists at our church, you don't have to be a trained artist to

submit. Worried about whether your art is good enough? Do you make art? Do you want/ need to get your artist light out from under the basket? Any member or friend (or family member) of TUUC may submit up to 2 works.

The exhibition will run from Sunday, January 8, 2024 through March 4, 2024. Art to be delivered to the church between 9 to 10 AM on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 and picked up following services on Sunday, March 4, 2024 or at the church on Monday, March 5, 2024 between 9 to 10 AM. If you have any questions or want to submit, please email to galleryunicorn@towsonuuc.org.

TUUC DRUM CIRCLE—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 3 PM

The first meeting of the TUUC Drum Circle for the season will be Sunday, October 22nd at 3 PM in the Meeting Room. Hope you'll join in the rhythm! We'll spend most of the time free form jamming, but we'll have a time for meditational drumming towards the end. Please bring a hand drum if you have one, and we'll have some small percussion available as well. We are short on djembes right now, so if anyone has an extra you can bring (or even donate to the cause), please do so! For more information, contact Tracy Hall at music@towsonuuc.org.

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP GROUP POTLUCK – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 6:00 PM

Join us for good food and conversation in the church upper level lobby. We offer an atmosphere for fellowship and friendship among TUUC single adults. We range in age from the 60's through the 80's, but gladly welcome anyone to join us.

Please call Ronald Rowley to RSVP and to get more information. He is listed in the church directory.

ICJS TO HOST INTERRELIGIOUS EVENTS ON HOWARD THURMAN—MON, OCT 23 AT 7 PM

The Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies (ICJS) is presenting a series of events this fall centering on the life and legacy of Howard Thurman. Dr. Walter Fluker, one of the preeminent experts on Thurman, will deliver the ICJS Manekin-Clark Lecture at 7 PM on Monday, October 23 at Northside Baptist Church, 1101 E. Northern Parkway. The lecture is free, but registration is required as space is limited. It will also be live streamed. Other events include: Howard Thurman: Moral anchor to the Civil Rights movement, a three-week minicourse available in person at ICJS or via zoom; a book study group for religious leaders, and a reading group for the general public. For more information and to register, please visit icjs.org.

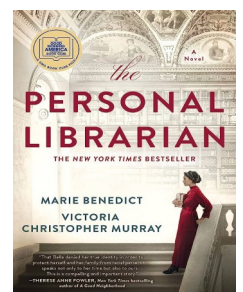
CABIN FEVER

THEY CLONED TYRONE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
4:30 PM DISCUSSION



BOOK CLUB

PERSONAL LIBRARIAN
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER
27
7:30 PM



SOCIAL ACTION

ASSISTANCE CENTER OF TOWSON CHURCHES

The Assistance Center of the Towson Churches, ACTC, is again responding to the community needs. They are open on Wednesday evenings from 4-7pm, to help those unable to come during the day. They are also restarting their financial assistance program. Please note that ACTC really needs hearty canned soups and beans.

EARLS PLACE OPENING DOORS DINNER—THURSDAY OCTOBER 5 AT 6:00 PM

Join our TUUC group to celebrate new beginnings for the men of Earl's Place and Prospect Place as they continue to rebuild their lives and move from hopeless and homeless to hopeful and housed. This event will take place on Thursday, October 5 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Boumi Temple 5050 King Ave in Rosedale, MD. You have the option to participate in the auction online and the deadline to donate items to be auctioned is September 15th; possibly extended to the 22nd at the latest. For more information, please visit <https://cchbaltimore.org/cornerstone>.

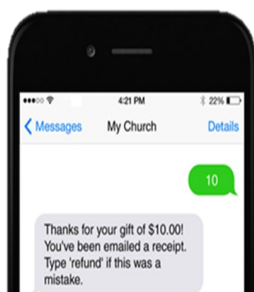
OUT FOR JUSTICE—LEGISLATIVE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE CLINIC

Out For Justice is in the midst of planning their legislative agenda for this year. Their focus will be on the expungement of records. Out For Justice is also planning the "2023 All Night Community Resource Clinic" 4pm-4am in October, the place and time TBA. The purpose of this event is to bring civic education, voter registration, child support modifications, and the new expungement legislation to a neighborhood in Baltimore. They are looking for support from legal, workforce, employer, civic, and social partners. To find out more, to donate, or to become more active with this inspiring community partner, please check out their website, out4justice.org.

NONPERISHABLE FOOD

Nonperishable food can be dropped off at these locations:

- Mondays, 12 to 2 PM: Ascension Lutheran Church parking lot (7601 York Rd.)
- Thursdays, 12 to 2 PM: Trinity Episcopal Church parking lot (120 Allegheny Ave.)
- Thursdays, 5 to 6 PM: Valley Baptist Church parking lot (1401 York Rd.)



DONATE BY TEXT

Send an amount to
(410)834-0700

PASSING THE PLATE

DONATE TO TUUC VIA PAYPAL, TEXT, OR BREEZE
MORE INFORMATION ON THE [TUUC WEBSITE](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TUUC

Calendar is subject to change. Check the website calendar [here](#) for most current schedule.

22 Sept	Friday	Writing as a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM
23 Sept	Saturday	Roots and Wings CUUPs Mabon Ritual	6:00 PM
24 Sept	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	9:00 AM
24 Sept	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
24 Sept	Sunday	Cabin Fever— <i>They Cloned Tyrone</i>	4:30 PM
26 Sept	Tuesday	Soul Matters Sharing Circle	7:30 PM
27 Sept	Wednesday	Book Group	7:30 PM
28 Sept	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
29 Sept	Friday	Parkinson Support Group	12:30 PM
1 Oct	Sunday	YRE—Making Faith	9:00 AM
1 Oct	Sunday	Sunday Service	10:30 AM
1 Oct	Sunday	Worship as a Spiritual Practice at TUUC	11:30 AM
1 Oct	Sunday	Cabin Fever—The Exorcist (50th Anniversary)	4:00 PM
2 Oct	Monday	Mindful Way Meditation	7:00 PM
3 Oct	Tuesday	Women's Group Meeting	7:30 PM
5 Oct	Thursday	Men's Brunch	11:30 AM
5 Oct	Thursday	TUUC Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
6 Oct	Friday	Writing As a Spiritual Practice	1:00 PM

Don't Work Sick
Don't School Sick
Don't Church Sick

SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE REPORT

(Does not reflect actual number of people watching)

Date	Time	In-Person / Online
09/17/2023	10:30 AM	75 / 30